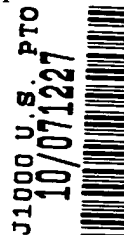




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**TRANSMITTAL FOR A NEWLY EXECUTED ORIGINAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) for:

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For: DOCUMENT BINDING APPARATUS

1. This is a new ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☐ Plant patent application.

2. The papers enclosed to obtain a filing date are as follows:

<u>46</u>	Pages of Specification including
<u>0</u>	Title Page
<u>13</u>	Pages of Claims
<u>1</u>	Page of Abstract
<u>20</u>	Sheets of drawings containing <u>22</u> figures

☐ The enclosed drawings are photographs, and there is also attached a
PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)

3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

☒ Enclosed and is executed by all inventors

☐ Not Enclosed.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).
Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of
the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fees.

4. Language

- ☒ English
☐ Non-English

This application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(d) and §608.01 of the MPEP. Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the verified English translation and the processing fee.

5. Assignment

- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Max Co., Ltd. and a PTO Form-1595, Recordation Form Cover Sheet, are enclosed.
☐ An assignment will be filed at a later date.

6. Priority - foreign applications under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) or PCT international applications under 35 U.S.C. §365(a) designating at least one country other than the U.S.

☒ Priority of the following foreign application is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Filed
Japan	2001-037764	February 14, 2001
Japan	2001-037765	February 14, 2001
Japan	2001-037766	February 14, 2001
Japan	2001-037767	February 14, 2001
Japan	2001-037768	February 14, 2001
Japan	2001-037771	February 14, 2001
Japan	2001-037773	February 14, 2001

Certified copies: ☐ are attached. ☒ will follow.

7. Priority based on provisional application(s) - 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

☐ Priority of the following provisional application(s) is claimed:

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A. Relate Back - 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 "This application claims priority of copending provisional application(s)
 No. _____ filed on _____."

8. Small entity status

☐ A statement claiming small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 is asserted for the present application.

9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

	Number Filed	Number Extra	at Rate of	Basic Fee Utility \$740.00 Design \$330.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	39 - 20 =	19	18.00	\$342.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	2 - 3 =	0	84.00	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d))			280.00	
SUB-TOTAL =				\$1082.00
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity				
TOTAL FILING FEE =				\$1082.00

10. Fee Payment

☐ Not Enclosed. **NO FEE IS BEING PAID BY CHECK OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THIS TIME.**

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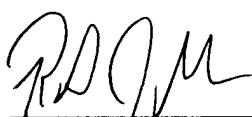
☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of \$1122.00 representing the basic filing fee of \$740.00, additional claims fee of \$342.00 and an assignment recording fee of \$40.00.

11. [X] **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).
12. Additional papers enclosed:
- [] Preliminary Amendment
 - [] Information Disclosure Statement
 - [] Form PTO-1449, ___ document included
 - [] Declaration of Biological Deposit
 - [] Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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